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REMARKS

Initially, Applicants express their appreciation to Examiners D. DeMille and T. M. Nguyen for the courtesies extended to one of them (Thomas E. Lach) and their undersigned attorney during a personal interview held on October 20, 2006. The present amendment sets forth and accords with the substance and results of that interview.

In the April 26, 2006, Office action, Claims 102 to 111, 193 and 194 received examination. Applicants, in this amendment, have cancelled Claim 110. They retain the remaining claims for further examination.

Initially, in the April 26, 2006, Office action, Claims 102, 104, 106 to 109, and 111 were objected to for various informalities. The present amendment of these claims should serve to obviate this objection.

Claims 110, 193, and 194 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

First, the present amendment has canceled Claim 110. This should serve to remove the issue concerning this claim.

With regards to Claims 193 and 194, the participants at the interview discussed above concurred that the current language resulting from the above amendments finds support in the specification. In particular, pages 11, 29, 33 and 34 provided the appropriate disclosure for the claims as currently written.

Applicants believe that the above has placed the present application in condition for allowance. They sincerely request this action. Should some minor impediment prevent this action, then the examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the


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telephone number given below. Hopefully, such a phone call will portend a substantial saving on the parts of the Patent and Trademark Office as well as Applicants.

Attached is form PTO-2038 signed by the undersigned attorney in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the extension fee for a three-month extension of time to respond to the April 26, 2006, Office action for a small entity. Any required extension fee not paid for by an enclosed form may be charged to Deposit Account 06-2135 of the undersigned attorney.


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